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Congressman Larson: Statement on Pratt & Whitney Lawsuit Decision

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Hartford, CT- U.S Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) issued the following statement in response to the U.S. District Court injunction against Pratt & Whitney to uphold their current Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Machinists (IAM) District 26. The decision, offered late last night, prevents Pratt & Whitney from closing both the Cheshire and East Hartford CARO operations. The subsequent work was going to be relocated to the state of Georgia and out of the country.

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“I and the Connecticut Congressional Delegation have worked hard to secure the essential military projects for Pratt & Whitney to help grow our economy and create jobs in our state.

“The company’s plans to close both the Cheshire and East Hartford CARO operations without taking every legitimate action to prevent it, is both disheartening and upsetting.

“I strongly urge Pratt & Whitney not to appeal this decision, but to work with the Union, the Congressional Delegation, and the State to help keep these jobs in Connecticut for the long term. By working together, both Pratt & Whitney and the Union can and will prosper.”

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